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SUBJ: VISIT TO USSR BY IAEA TEAM

1. IAEA SECRETARIAT TEAM WILL VISIT NOVovoronezh, MELEKES, KURCHATOV INSTITUTE AND MEET WITH STATE COMMITTEE FOR PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY DURING PERIOD JAN 28--FEB 7, FOR DISCUSSIONS OF TECHNICAL ASPECTS SAFEGUARDS.

2. VISIT ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED AS FOLLOW-UP TO WORK AT KURCHATOV INSTITUTE, UNDER NO-COST RESEARCH AGREEMENT WITH IAEA, ON SUBJECT OF SAFEGUARDS TECHNIQUES FOR APPLICATION TO LIGHT-WATER POWER REACTORS, AND INCLUDED DEMONSTRATION OF TECHNIQUES AT NOVovoronezh POWER STATION.

3. AGENDA HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN EXPANDED, SUPPOSEDLY AT USSR SUGGESTION, TO INCLUDE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS OR INFORMATION ON BROAD SUBJECT OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS, INCLUDING ACTUAL EXPERIENCE IN VARIOUS TYPES OF FACILITIES, INSTRUMENTATION DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION, DATA PROCESSING, STATISTICAL METHODS AND RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL SAFEGUARDS SYSTEMS. WHILE USSR WAS SOURCE OF FORMAL SUGGESTION FOR AGENDA EXPANSION, MISSION HAS REASON TO BELIEVE IT WAS PROMPTED BY MUTUAL DESIRE TO INCLUDE

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PARTICULAR MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT, SUCH AS D.A.V. FISCHER

(SOUTH AFRICA), ON TEAM.

4. IN ANY EVENT, FOUR MEMBERS OF TEAM ARE SCHEDULED TO PRESENT LECTURES ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS IAEA SAFEGUARDS ACTIVITIES: FISCHER (DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL LIAISON) ON RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL AND MULTINATIONAL SAFEGUARDS SYSTEMS, LENDVAI (HUNGARY) ON ACCOUNTING AND DATA PROCESSING, CLARK (US) ON DEVELOPMENT OF INSTRUMENTATION AND ANALYTICAL METHODS, AND LOVETT (US) ON STATISTICAL METHODS. TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY NAKICENOVIC (YUGOSLAVIA), DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS (SAFEGUARDS) AND WILL INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO LECTURERS, FRENZEL (FRG), SHARPE (UK), KURIHARA (JAPAN), PERRICOS (GREECE), FERRARIS (ITALY), THORSTENSEN (NORWAY) AND TWO OTHERS SELECTED BY NAKICENOVIC, AS FAR AS MISSION CAN TELL, TO COMPLETE POTPURRI OF NON-SOCIALIST NATIONALITIES.

5. MISSION VIEWS EXERCISE WITH SLIGHTLY MIXED FEELINGS. INTEREST OF USSR IN DETAILS OF SUBJECT IS ENCOURAGING AND COULD INDICATE POSSIBILITY THAT USSR MIGHT BE CONSIDERING AT SOME TIME AND FOR SYMBOLIC REASONS, OFFERING IAEA OPPORTUNITY APPLY ITS SAFEGUARDS IN ONE POWER REACTOR, FOR EXAMPLE, IN USSR TERRITORY. NOTWITHSTANDING OCCASIONAL CASUAL HINTS SUCH POSSIBILITY IN PAST, AND FORTHCOMING NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD BE PROPITIOUS OCCASION TO ANNOUNCE SUCH STEP, MISSION DOUBTS WHETHER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN. WE ARE MORE CONCERNED HOW USSR WILL PLAY UP VISIT BY DOZEN MEMBERS OF IAEA SECRETARIAT, EACH OF WHOM HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS AS "INSPECTOR".

6. DPT/AEC ARE AWARE THAT NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE NEGOTIATED SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS WITH IAEA HAVE STATED INTENTION TO ACCEPT INDIVIDUAL IAEA INSPECTOR ONLY IF NATIONAL OF COUNTRY IN WHICH IAEA SAFEGUARDS ARE BEING APPLIED. USSR DOUBTLESS AWARE THIS ATTITUDE AND RESULTING LIMITED UTILITY ITS NATIONALS ON INSPECTORATE STAFF, AS REFLECTED BY SMALL NUMBER (ONLY ONE AT MOMENT) USSR NATIONALS SERVING AS ACTIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INSPECTORS IN OPERATIONS DIVISION. USSR MAY INTEND TO PORTRAY VISIT IN MANNER ("120 INSPECTOR MAN-DAYS") TO OVERCOME EVIDENT RELUCTANCE BY IAEA TO EMPLOY USSR NATIONALS AS INSPECTORS. AN EFFORT MAY EVEN BE MADE TO EQUATE VISIT (WITH ANNOUNCEMENT, PERHAPS, OF INTENTION TO MAKE IT ANNUAL EVENT) WITH U.S. AND UK OFFERS TO PERMIT IAEA TO APPLY ITS SAFEGUARDS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FACILITIES, EXCLUDING ONLY THOSE WITH DIRECT NATIONAL

SECURITY SIGNIFICANCE.

7. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT OF
ANY PUBLIC REFERENCES TO IAEA TEAM VISIT BY USSR MEDIA
AND ANY PRIVATE COMMENTS BY USSR OFFICIALS. IAEA HQS
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